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RE: Application Serial No.:   10/791,747
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    For: SAFETY TROCAR INCLUDING SEALING
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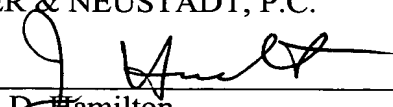   Examiner: TO BE ASSIGNED

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Preliminary Amendment
Letter Submitting Replacement Drawing Sheet(s)
Replacement Drawing Sheets (2)
Information Disclosure Statement
PTO Form 1449
Reference (1)

Our check in the amount of **$0.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

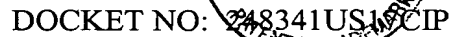OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.